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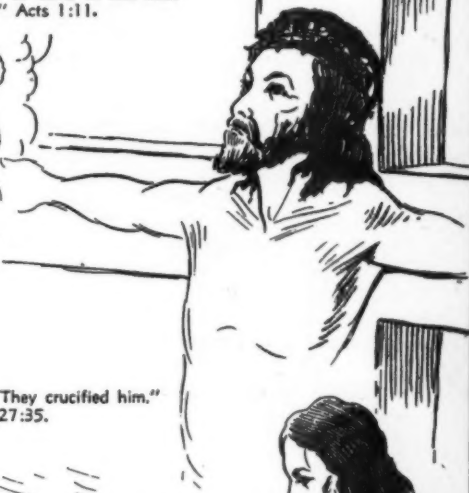


6, "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner." Acts 1:11.



1, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour" Luke 2:11

5, "They crucified him." Matt. 27:35.



2, "I must be about my Father's business." Luke 2:49.



3, "I am the good shepherd." John 10:11.



4, "Christ weeping over Jerusalem." Matt. 23:37.

# Notices

## CORRECTION

In the summarized headlines of Rev. Earl P. Paulk's article on "Sanctification," in last week's issue of the Evangel, there was a mistake in the headline numbered IX at the beginning of the article. It read, "Sanctification Subsequent to Sanctification" when it should have read, "Sanctification Subsequent to Justification." We are sorry this mistake occurred.—EDITOR.

## District Convention

San Antonio, Tex., District Convention will convene January 25-27 at San Antonio, Tex.—R. O. Woodruff, District Pastor.

One of our Missouri churches—Leadwood—Charles W. Conn, pastor, has pledged \$2,000 missions for 1946. This exceeds any single mission offering ever taken in Missouri.—G. W. Watson, overseer of Missouri.

I have possibly fifty or sixty pounds of good reading matter, such as Church of God Sunday School quarterlies (both Teacher's and Adults, etc.), some Sunday School papers, many Gospel Gleaners, some Church of God Evangelists, and other Pentecostal papers. All are first-class papers, both recent and back dates. Could be used for new and pioneer works, jails, hospitals, or missions. Anyone wishing to have them may write me.—L. C. Wright, 3319 Waterloo Rd., Stockton, Calif.

## DEATHS

### STAATS

Rev. R. J. Staats, pastor of the Church of God at Warren, Ohio, died of a heart attack December 18, 1945. He was fifty-one years and nine months of age. He had been a licensed minister in the Church of God since October 6, 1931, and was ordained a bishop June 19, 1933. He had served as overseer of Pennsylvania and Indiana; had pastored several of our leading churches, such as East Chattanooga, Tenn., Cincinnati, Canton, and Warren, Ohio, and had maintained popular religious broadcasts over different stations.

His funeral was conducted by the writer, pastor of the Church of God at Canton, Ohio, and the body laid to rest in Westlawn Cemetery at Canton.

Brother Staats committed his body and his soul, his present and his future, into the hands of the Lord whom he loved and trusted, and was always ready to accept His will whatever that might be. If further services awaited

him here, it was well; if promoted to higher services, it was better.

I have enjoyed a great privilege in his acquaintance. My faith in him was never shattered. The great spiritual varieties of the other world were very real to him. His faith penetrated the visible form of things and grasped the invisible. God and Christ and heaven and eternal life were as actual as his own personal identity. I witnessed all this day by day and heard his triumphant words of love, hope, and joy, and in my memory I can always see him in conventions, in Assemblies, prayer conferences, and other meetings. If he could be here today, I assure you he could testify that he died in the faith and in the doctrine which he preached for these many years. His only hope and ambition in life was living and doing for others. His ability, fidelity, consecration, and missionary zeal pled for evangelizing the world. His wisdom, his sympathy, his tenderness, and sweetness of temper have been set forth in those noble tributes to which we have listened. I have beheld the glory of the Lord reflecting on the face of His servant. To us it seemed hard that a man of his ability, so full of hope and ambition, so richly equipped for service with such resources of mind and heart, should be called away.

Friends, such as this man, never die. The death of such a man is but the unloosening of his power. It is not defeat or collapse, but achievement. I don't know how far and wide the fame of this man will ring, nor what the world's estimate of him will be, but this I know, that he was a great and good man in the sight of God, and the work he did, the words he spoke, the character he built, and the influence he wielded will never die. He was known throughout the entire Church

of God and loved by his many, many friends and ministers of the Word. The State of Ohio has lost one of its best pastors and the Church of God has lost a faithful worker, a great minister.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, and one daughter.—G. W. Hodges.

Sister Staats wishes to thank friends, ministers, and churches for comforting words and floral offerings at the death of her husband.

## PAINTER

Our mother, Mrs. Hettie Jackson Painter, was born November 26, 1869, and passed away April 24, 1945. She was a charter member of the Church of God of Mt. Zion, Route 2, Altoona, Ala. — Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eunice Ballard, Altoona, Ala.

## RAGLAND

Sister Bettie Susan Ragland, age forty-eight years, departed this life to be with Jesus December 3, 1945. She was a member of the Church of God at Mount Hermon. Pray for the family.—Mrs. Lillian Kilchen, Wiggins, Va.

## FLYNN

Little Jimmie Thomas Flynn, son of John and Geneva (Varnell) Flynn, 1304 Mercy St., Mt. View, Calif., was born July 5, 1935, and killed November 25, 1945; age ten years. He was a good soldier for Christ and his life spoke for itself a shining example.—A friend, Sister Roberts.

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# Our Lord Teaching Us To Pray

By Rev. J. F. Burton

1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

Prayer means intercession and supplication. The word "intercession" means the act of interceding and meditation. The word "supplication" means humble and earnest prayer or entreaty.

Now we will take you to Matt. 6:9, our Lord teaching us to pray. And how ought we to pray? He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven." Let us stop here just a moment. If we have a Father in heaven, and know Him as we ought to know Him, and we will know Him if we are His sons and daughters (Jesus said, "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: . . . and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" John 14: 7, 9), and if Jesus is our elder brother, as we sometimes say He is, then we have the same Father, and we have the same right to call Him our Father, if we are His sons and daughters.

"Hallowed be thy name." The word "hallowed" means to consecrate. The word "consecrate" means to set apart as sacred. The word "hallowed" also means reverence, honor, and respect. My brother, we must honor and respect the Lord of Glory, also one another, in order to have answers to our prayers. Jesus said if we abide in Him and His words abide in us that we might ask anything in His name and it shall be done. Praise God, I begin to feel something in my soul. Praise His dear name! I am glad we have a Father in heaven, aren't you? who can be touched with our infirmities, who forgiveth all our sins, and healeth all our diseases, who opens the eyes of the blind, unstops the deaf ears, and turns the dumb tongue loose. Have you any time for Him? Just stop and think how good He has been to the human race or to you as an individual.

Matt. 6:10, "Thy kingdom come." His kingdom, to which He had reference, is not the kingdom of this world, but it is the inward kingdom that we have in our souls today. Rom. 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Brother, you need the kingdom of God in your soul in order to pray. Now if the kingdom of God is peace and joy and righteousness in the Holy Ghost, we need peace in our souls and no

man can give peace but God. We need joy that we might smile when things are going wrong. Joy and peace in the Holy Ghost, that was one purpose of our Lord teaching us to pray in this manner, because He knew that we had need of these things, and let His will be done in earth and in your heart. That is what He wants with you, that He might have His way in your life.

"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." There is no one to hinder Him there, but He wants His will in the earth and in you. Can you say, my brother or sister, "Thy will be done," and feel good in your soul? If so, don't be weary in well doing for in due season you shall reap if you faint not. But if you can't say, "Thy will be done," then you had better take my advice and find out where you are standing, for it is His will for you to have the Holy Ghost. Let us turn to Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

"Give us this day our daily bread." If you will seek the kingdom of heaven, all of these things will be given unto you, as ye have need of, such as clothes and the things we need to comfort us in our home; but Jesus said in St. John 6:32-35, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then they said unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said,

unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." If we will feed our soul when it gets hungry, the body will take care of itself, for that soul will perish for hunger. Let's feed the soul and feed it daily. There are many ways to feed the soul. One way is to pray. Another way is to go to church and hear the gospel preached in the old-time way. Another way is to read the Word. Another way is to tell someone about Jesus and His grace to save.

Now let us go on a little further. In the same chapter and the twelfth verse, He says pray like this, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Now if we forgive them that do us wrong, then He will forgive us of our wrongs, and every one of us has plenty to be forgiven of. Oh, if we could be like Stephen as the stones of persecution were bringing him to his death, when he looked up and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," that is the spirit that we must have in order to get forgiveness of our wrongs.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Now, my brother or sister, if you will say yes to God's will and forgive your debtors, He will forgive you and deliver you from every temptation and all evil.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." The joy, the peace, the Holy Ghost, and all is for every one that will seek after His will and pray this prayer. May God help and bless every one who reads this.

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## The One Who Will Never Forsake Us

By MRS. MARIE FAISON

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," Hebrews 13:5.

Dear Friends, it makes any of us feel good to know that we have a friend by our side who will never leave us nor forsake us. Our friends here on earth will sometimes give us up, forsake us on purpose, disappoint us very badly, and, anyway, our earthly friends can go only so far. There are many times that they are powerless to help us, no matter how much they love us. But praise God, there is one friend that we can all have by our side at all times, that will never

leave us nor forsake us, as our text tells us. This friend is Jesus.

In order to have Jesus by our side at all times, all through our lives, we must first be born again. And when we let Jesus into our hearts, remember, dear friends, we not only have Him as our true friend and helper here on earth, but we have Him as our Savior forever, eternally. We will have Jesus with us all through this life. And, praise God, death for God's children will not be death, but is just the beginning of life for us. Jesus will be

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# RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

## Gospels in China

The Pocket Testament League, according to RNS, plans to distribute 1,000,000 and 5,000 Testaments in China.

## Schools Suffer in Japan

About fifty Christian schools in Japan suffered considerable damage. Thirty-seven teachers were reported killed, and five hundred and seven students.

## Gandhi and Christianity

The little strange leader of millions of India's political enigma, said: "(1) I would suggest that all Christians, missionaries and all, live more like Christ. If you come to us in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we cannot resist you. (2) Do not adulterate Christianity; give it to us in its rugged simplicity and its high demands, and live out the life; then we cannot resist you. (3) Put your emphasis on love, for love is a central thing in Christianity." Here is the very heart and essence of Christianity. Not only does this Hindu await to see the realities of Christianity but other teeming millions throughout the whole of Christendom and the whole world wait anxiously, crying loudly to the Christians, "We would see Jesus," not mere sham of Christian profession.

## New Church Groups

New church groups spring up from new convictions, new consecrations, and finally new spiritual experiences. Such groups declare such doctrines as support their newly attained spirituality. As soon as these groups grow old by increases, they are tempted, like all other Christian groups, to conform to the world rather than to Christ, for the sake of popularity, to make growth a thing more readily and still more easily effected. This is why we are commanded to preach the Word to prevent world conformity. 2 Tim. 4:2.

## Hirohito Possible Christian

A wireless from Tokyo states that according to Shigeru Nambara, president of Tokyo's Imperial University, Emperor Hirohito may become a Christian "in the near future." Nothing is reported on what grounds, if at all, except that the Emperor has been studying Christian theology since the end of the war, and that the "whole imperial household is seriously interested in the Christian faith." Let

us hope this is an honest report, and that it may materialize for both Japan and Christ's sake.

## Permission To Speak

Paul obtained "license" to speak to tribal kinsman in his own defense. Acts 21:40. God had promised "whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost," Mark 13:11. Quite a different manner from the usual "Mind your own business, I'll attend to mine." God would provide spiritual comfort and repose.

## Hiroshima

According to *Time*, Acting Governor Shigeru Kojo told U. S. newsmen, "You look like messengers sent from God. We are helpless like babies." When Kojo requested that if Hiroshima was rebuilt by America it would be "an international symbol of humanity and peace," the newsmen replied, "Don't you think we ought first to rebuild Nanking and Manila?" The Japanese held a whispered consultation and replied, "We are all feeling sorry for those cities." Mayor Kihara handed each of them a New Year's gift—a tablecloth and napkin set, from the City of Hiroshima. Here is a pathetic gesture. The destiny of men and nations rests in God. He can and will improve this relationship.

## The Bible

"Why don't you tackle Homer, Shakespeare, Kipling, or some of those chaps? Have a shot at them, and let the Bible alone for awhile," queried a man at one of the infidel lecturers in the east of London. "Because it won't let us alone," promptly replied the orator. Something about the Bible gets at sin, unbelief, and such like. Heb. 4:12. The Bible is a book of life and death, the issues of life spring from faith in the Word and death from unbelief.

## German Deposed Rulers Study Bible

*Sunday School Times* states that, "A United Press dispatch from Nuremberg, October 16, reports that Herman Goering has taken to studying the Scriptures, particularly parts of the Old Testament. Lieut. Eggers, former pastor of Hope Lutheran Church at Tonasket, Wash., who visited him, said: 'He was deliberate, sober, unemotional, and not at all the jovial man I have read about. He apparently has spent lots of time studying the Scriptures and can quote them at

length.' Kaltenbrunner, one of the chief authors of the concentration camp system, is reading the book 'Jesus Christ,' by Karl Adams. Von Ribbentrop told Eggers that the Nazi attitude toward the church was one of the gravest mistakes of the Hitler regime."

## Japanese Christians

Japan, before the war, was reported to have had about 350,000 Christians. Not a lot of believers as compared to the 80,000,000 population of Japan, but there may arise now in Japan a different view toward Christianity. Freedom such as Japan has never had is being experienced under General MacArthur. Men of twenty years are now allowed to vote, and women have also been granted a right to vote. The state religion of Shintoism has been, like Dagon, knocked cold by the freedom of democracy. With the setting aside of Shintoism as a state religion, it may be reasonably expected that the prestige of this false religion has been terribly shaken, and the Japanese conscience awakened to new light. A revival of faith in Christ should follow defeat of idol worship if missionary effort is bonafied and true.

## Spain

The *Converted Catholic Magazine* points out that Spain has become "a refuge for the remnants of European Fascists who are plotting conspiracies in Europe! There are, according to *Catholic Magazine*, 250,000 Spaniards, including thousands of women, undergoing a regime of terror in Franco prisons. More than 1,000,000 Spaniards have been killed by Franco and the Falange since 1939, the report continues. No Spaniard can get employment unless he produces a certificate that he attends church, and this church, well, the Catholic Church supports Franco's rule in Spain.

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# Should We Pay Tithes Today?

L. A. Samples

(Continued from January 19 issue.)

Glancing at Nehemiah 13:10, we see where the people failed to bring in their tithes with the result that the Levites and singers fled from their work and the house of God was forsaken. Pastors today are leaving the ministry because the churches are starving them. Such work as that is a disgrace upon the church, works a hardship on the pastor, and will bring down a curse upon those responsible. When Nehemiah saw the situation, he went to the rulers and asked why the house of God was forsaken. We need a million men today with the ability and backbone to go to our church rulers and open their eyes so that they can get a vision of what the church needs today instead of standing around talking about what the church is going to do sometime way out in the dreamy future. There is today a multitude of men running around over the world telling the people what the church is going to do at some remote time and that God's plan will be carried out whether we work at it or not. If those men had a good supply of wisdom, knowledge, and a good understanding, they would not preach that ignorant doctrine, because they are not only bringing chaos upon themselves but they are damning the souls, minds, and bodies of those who hear them. That kind of food is good for the devil to feed to the congregation. The devil will tell the people that God will bring His program to pass in due time whether they work or not, and then they will sit down, go to sleep, backslide, dry up, and go to hell. If those men had a good Bible education, they would be out preaching the full gospel just as it is written, and thereby keep souls out of hell.

When Nehemiah finished talking to the rulers, he gathered together the Levites and the singers and set them in their places. When this was done, all Judah brought in their tithes. We see what people will do for the house of God when they hear the proper kind of doctrine. May the Lord bring the people out of their lethargy. One of the great drawbacks in the church today is that the church officials do not have the boldness, training, and dynamic energy to teach, exhort, and use the proper disciplinary methods in church management. As long as

church officials fail to measure up to Paul's requisite which he sent to Timothy, just so long will the church drag God's name through the mire of iniquity. Another factor in the decision of the church is that the church officials lack the boldness to enforce the church rules and regulations so that the church might be kept on a high plane. When a member is taken into the church he promises to pay tithes. When and if that member fails to pay tithes he has told a lie; when he tells a lie, he ceases to be a Christian; when he ceases to be a Christian, he becomes a sinner, and a sinner has no right to be in the church, according to the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians. According to Matthew 23:23, we are commanded to pay tithes during the Church Age. Some tell us that tithing went out of date when Jesus was born, but my Bible does not say tithing was a thing of the past at the close of the Mosaic Law. There is no excuse for a Christian to become confused about paying tithes today, because the Bible is so plain that it is impossible to make a mistake on that subject.

Now turn with me to Malachi, if you please. Malachi, being the last of the prophets, it seems God was telling the Jews through him what a failure they had been. Malachi was giving the Jews their final warning and was rehearsing their past deeds. The children of Israel were an unruly people from the Exodus to the close of the Mosaic Law. In the first part of the book, Malachi is reproving the priests and the people for their wickedness, and in the last part of the book we see that the Jews are promised a blessing. The Jews were taught to obey at home and also taught to obey the civil and canonical law. In order to obey the canonical law, the Jews had to pay tithes.

When a Jew reached the age of thirteen, he was supposed to know the Pentateuch and the Mishnah. In Malachi 3:8, we see that the Jews robbed God of that which belonged to Him. When man robs God he can expect to be cursed with a curse. The primary cause of man's present plight is that he has been and is robbing God of His money. We know this is true by reading Malachi 3:11. Even the carnal man knows that tithing is proper and he also knows God will bless all who pay their tithes unto God. Malachi 3:10 tells us where to bring our tithes and God tells us what He will do for

us if we bring our tithes into the storehouse. There is no way for a Christian to make a mistake about tithing unless he wants to make it, because the Scripture is plain enough for any Christian to understand the subject of tithing.

Now preacher, teacher, student, scholar, or whoever you may be, I will point you to one verse of scripture which was spoken by the Son of God Himself, and the church will have a hard time in making God believe His Son made a mistake. This verse is found in Matthew 23:23. It precludes all theories about tithing going out of date at the close of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees were strict in their ways of living and they put tithing before faith and then boasted about the tithes they paid. One day Jesus was reproving the Pharisees regarding the way they lived and He told them just what they did, and when He told them what they did not do, He told them that they should have done those things and paid their tithes also. The commandment to pay tithes has never been revoked, and therefore the commandment is still effective. God says His Word endureth forever and that means that when God gives a commandment, that commandment is forever effective unless He Himself abrogates it.

We will now see what Paul says about paying tithes when he wrote to the Christian Jews in the church at Jerusalem. Relative to Hebrews 7:6-9, in Levi paying tithes in Abraham, we have brought to us the thought of imputation. The principal argument, is the superiority of the priesthood of Christ over the Aaronic priesthood. Then Melchisedec is taken as a type of Christ as our high priest and is shown to be superior to Abraham and to the Levitical priesthood, so much so that since Abraham, the father of the priesthood, paid tithes to Melchisedec, in him the Levitical priesthood paid tithes.

There is no scripture to the effect that we do not have to pay tithes during the Church Age, and anyone who preaches that doctrine, preaches a man-made doctrine. If we will not wrest the scripture, we will not meet with destruction.

It is a sad truth that any kind of doctrine will enlist a multitude of disciples who will accept the doctrine without a question as to whether it is a sound doctrine. There are those

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# B. T. S. Speaks . . .

School closed December 14 for the Christmas holidays, and work was resumed Monday, December 31. We were indeed gratified that by the time classes began Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock about ninety-five per cent of the student body had returned. A few had been detained at home on account of sickness, the return of war veterans, or various other reasons, but, of these, some have already returned and others will return this week end.

We are all now hard at work, for within three weeks we will be going through another testing period—final examinations. For the students, this represents another milestone won, another step toward the final goal—a Christian education.

## Sister Harrison Ill

The entire student body and faculty were extremely sorry to learn that Miss Mary Elizabeth could not return at the opening of school because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Alda Harrison. We were all very grateful when Miss Harrison returned because we knew her beloved mother was better and well on the road to recovery.

## A Look at Our Sunday School

B. T. S. has a very fine Sunday School. It is one of the strong organizations of our school.

Today we began a new quarter. The following officers were elected:

Pastor: E. L. Simmons

Superintendent: Robert Humbertson

Assistant Superintendent: Wayne McAfee

Secretary and Treasurer: Martin Baldree

Chorister: Jarvis Hill

Organist: Mary E. Blackwood

The following teachers were elected:

Class One—the primary children: Bernice Stout and Lora Nell Harris

Class Two: Roy Burroughs

Class Three: Maxine Buchanan

Class Four: Darrel Dority

Class Five: Cecil Knight

Class Six: Charlotte Patterson

Class Seven: Ruth Carmine

Class Eight: D. L. Baker

Class Nine: Mary Alice White

Class Ten: James Wiley

Class Eleven: Addie Mae Hamby

Class Twelve: (Faculty): Rev. E. L. Simmons.

Classes Thirteen and Fourteen have not as yet been elected.

Class Fifteen (First Division), first-

year Spanish students: Alice Josephsen; (Second Division) students who have studied Spanish two years or more: Josue Rubino.

The average attendance of our Sunday School is between 275 to 300, with an average offering of \$12.00 a Sunday.

Just before the holidays, from the Sunday School treasury, \$125.00 was given to worthy students.

Class Ten, with Brother Strickland as its former teacher, received the offering banner for all but two Sundays the first quarter. Brother Strickland was so enthusiastic that some mornings he even asked the milkman for donations to boost the collection.

Each Sunday some class gives a very impressive program. These include short talks, readings, and special singing. Today was a special mission program. The Pullin sisters from Guatemala sang a duet.

## Revival Begins in Local Church at Sevierville

The veterans of B. T. S. are beginning a two weeks' revival at the local church Sunday, January 7. The radio choir and several quartets from B.T.S. will assist in the services. We are praying that the revival will be a great success, that many souls will be saved for the Lord, and that many who have grown cold will be saved again and enter into active service for the Lord.

## Seniors Working Hard on Library Fund

The seniors made a big success at selling Christmas cards. Now they have installed a popcorn machine at school and are selling popcorn to the students. They are seriously working to bring our library up to standard. We really appreciate this as it will benefit the whole school.

## MISSION RECEIPTS

### Quarter Ending December 31, 1945

Alabama	\$1,012.22
Arizona	79.06
Arkansas	170.98
California	333.62
Colorado	43.86
Delaware	38.15
District of Columbia	30.70
Florida	1,546.45
Georgia	1,119.98
Idaho	64.87
Illinois	411.76
Indiana	138.79
Iowa	78.22
Kansas	75.60

Kentucky	340.26
Louisiana	155.15
Maine	39.91
Maryland	222.85
Massachusetts	4.71
Michigan	344.60
Minnesota	22.62
Mississippi	338.91
Missouri	237.28
Montana	108.91
Nebraska	6.64
New Jersey	77.91
New Mexico	60.52
New York	156.35
North Carolina	1,724.66
North Dakota	125.13
Ohio	580.89
Oklahoma	158.98
Oregon	64.08
Pennsylvania	263.76
South Carolina	1,339.21
South Dakota	92.54
Texas	520.03
Virginia	554.03
Washington	102.01
West Virginia	806.64
Wisconsin	25.67
Wyoming	1.50
Canada:	
Western Canada	491.47
Central Canada	3.10
—E. J. Boehmer, General Sec.—Treas.	

## ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS

### Quarter Ending December 31, 1945

Alabama	\$1,069.40
Arizona	98.99
Arkansas	239.14
California	409.95
Colorado	32.33
Connecticut	16.92
Delaware	19.64
District of Columbia	31.23
Florida	1,591.06
Georgia	1,556.36
Idaho	52.66
Illinois	590.41
Indiana	142.83
Iowa	91.29
Kansas	135.09
Kentucky	533.57
Louisiana	182.84
Maine	75.54
Maryland	309.69
Massachusetts	5.84
Michigan	151.60
Minnesota	25.90
Mississippi	541.88
Missouri	296.73
Montana	65.95
Nebraska	22.14
New Jersey	10.61
New Mexico	98.40
New York	11.57
North Carolina	2,468.79
North Dakota	129.52
Ohio	488.59
Oklahoma	212.32
Oregon	66.29
Pennsylvania	326.99

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# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

## PRAY FOR:

Our little daughter to be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. Wm. Sallee, Box 95, Hodgenville, Ky.

The healing of my sister's body; the healing of my little daughter who has been very badly burned. Encouragement appreciated. — Ruby Lewis, Rt. 1, c/o George Hayes, Starr, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Malcolm Fuller, Dunlow, W. Va.

My grandson who was injured in an automobile accident; healing of my daughter; my son-in-law who is to undergo a serious operation.—Mrs. James Burnett, Rt. 2, Box 149-B, Bartow, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Tessie Bailey, Gen. Del., Poplar Bluff, Mo.

God to heal my little girl; my husband and me.—Mrs. Frank Walls, Davin, W. Va.

Mrs. Berniece Broadhead who is seriously ill. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Junie Roman, Marvel, Ala.

God to completely heal my lungs, nose, throat, and tonsils. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Stella Todor, Box 128, Whitmans, W. Va.

My brother's complete healing, he is in an army hospital, and is suffering from a severe nervous condition.—Elmora A. Bell, 200 Pleasant Ave., Vienna, W. Va.

God to heal me.—Vola Edward, Box 127, Fort Gay, W. Va.

My brother who is in Manila; my husband who is in the hospital; the healing of Reva Ann White of tumor of the brain; my healing.—Mrs. Mae Berry, Kincaid, W. Va.

The healing of my mother-in-law's body; the healing of my body.—Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Rt. 2, Altoona, Ala.

Sister Dorothy Timney who has very bad heart trouble; my two brothers—one who has t.b., and the other's safe return from Germany.—Mrs. C. R. Callahan, Box 96, Piedmont, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Goldie Lowe, Box 118, Fort Gay, W. Va.

The healing of my mother of high blood pressure; my healing.—Mrs. Tate Williams, Box 104, Shannon, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Ernestine Lloyd, Rt. 1, Box 248, Amelia, Va.

My salvation and healing, I have plegia and can hardly see.—Mrs. Eliza Clemons, 769 E. 56th St., Jacksonville 6, Fla.

The healing of Gertye Ford's body.—Florence Williams, Myakka City, Fla.

The healing of my little boy who suffers from enlarged tonsils and adenoids; the healing of my little girl.—Mrs. John J. Jenkins, 842 Scull St., Lebanon, Pa.

My eyes to be strengthened, an infected mole on my neck to be healed or removed; my body to be healed.—A Christian girl, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The healing of my wife, she had an operation about eighteen months ago for tumor of the brain, and has never recovered from neither the operation nor the tumor. Encouragement appreciated.—I. V. Tew, Erwin, N. C.

My healing of low blood pressure which causes weak spells.—Mrs. Everett Fortner, Rt. 4, Galax, Va.

The healing of my little daughter of bronchitis.—A sinner.

The healing of J. C. Bennett, Rt. 1 Canon, Ga., of asthma; the healing of my husband, sister, and children of the flu; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Inez Allen, Lavonia, Ga.

My mother's healing, my husband to be healed of kidney trouble; the healing of my eyes.—Mrs. J. E. Miller, Geneva, Ala.

The healing of my body.—Ora Sanders, 810 School Ave., Pascagoula, Miss.

The healing of my ears.—Phineas E. Aldrich.

The healing of my little son of the flu; it seems his eyes have been affected.—Mrs. Vernon Baders, Dundee, Ohio.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Otis Roberts, Rt. 1, Claxton, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Miss Ethel Sanders, Rt. 4, c/o Will Harden, Seneca, S. C.

The healing of my body; our home.—Mrs. D. A. Dennis, Rt. 2, Verbena, Ala.

My healing of serious headaches that last for weeks; my husband's healing of a nervous breakdown.—Mrs. George Laird, 722 N. W. 22nd St., Miami 37, Fla.

The healing of my body, I have a hard, sore lump in the left side of my chest and it is getting larger, I also have a severe cold and head and eye trouble. My heart is affected from this lump, I believe. My husband to be healed; the healing of an elderly lady who is sick, Sister Emma Weaver.—Mrs. J. R. McCraigne, 302 E. Suwanee St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

My mother to be healed of something like fits, it has affected her mentally.—Mollie Smith, Hilliard, Fla.

The healing of an elderly lady, she is afflicted with rheumatism, she is seventy-five years old and still un-

saved.—Mrs. Thelma Massengill, Booneville, Miss.

The Lord to heal my body; my son overseas.—Mrs. Ada Reeder, Steeds, N. C.

The saving and healing of my brother, Henry Johnson, White Pine, Tenn., he has had a stroke; the healing of my sister, Bessie Archer, Newport, Tenn.—Sister Roberts, 1855 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my body, I suffer continually, but I am fully trusting God.—Sister Odessa Duncan, 4717 Oakland Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Our baby daughter to be healed, she is in a rundown condition and is anemic; my mother to be completely healed.—Mrs. L. W. Davis, Pine Grove, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Myrtle Biggs, 1122 Luttrell St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Gus McIntyre, Box 491, Dillon, S. C.

The healing of my mother-in-law of sugar diabetes; the healing of my body.—Martha Gentry, Miami, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Eloise E. Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

The healing and salvation of my husband.—Mrs. Gertrude Palmer, Gen. Del., Landover, Md.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Lillie York, who has cancers in her stomach.—Miss Frances York, Box 53, Baldwin, Ga.

My mother's healing; the healing of my body, I have heart trouble.—Miss Myrtle Wilson, 714 E. Broad St., Cookeville, Tenn.

The healing of my husband; the healing of a friend of mine.—Mrs. G. B. Lee.

My healing, I have an enlarged and leaking heart.—Mrs. Ida Birchfield, Evarts, Ky.

The complete healing of my body; two urgent unspoken requests.—Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my left leg and arm, it affects my heart; the healing of my baby boy who is in New York in the hospital, he spent two years in Italy and his nerves are very bad.—Mrs. Sam Sawyers, Deering, Mo.

The Lord to heal me of a bad stomach trouble and nervousness.—Emma Samuels, Peachtree St., Edgefield, S. C.

God to undertake for my son, that if his life has been spared I will hear from him. The last time I heard from him was November, 1940.—His mother, Catherine E. Hoggatt, 5825 S. Logan St., Englewood, Colo.

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# Sanctification

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## VI. When Are We Made Holy?

As far as our transgression, or sins are concerned, when we are born again, 1 John 3:9, "WHOSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD DOETH NOT COMMIT SIN, FOR HIS SEED REMAINETH IN HIM; AND HE CANNOT SIN, BECAUSE HE IS BORN OF GOD." Therefore, if he cannot sin he must of necessity have been delivered or set apart from sin (made holy, but not entirely sanctified). So, he cannot commit little sins, big sins, or inherited sin, because, according to this scripture, he is out of the sinning business. Yes, the Holy Writ declares this; hence, he is holy. Heb. 12:14, "FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS (original text: Sanctification) WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD." This is a plain, positive statement, that absolutely without HOLINESS (OR SANCTIFICATION) NO MAN CAN SEE THE LORD. Therefore, if he is not sanctified as far as sin is concerned, when he is born again, or regenerated, THE NEW BIRTH MEANS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, for remember, WITHOUT HOLINESS NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD. Therefore, those who are born again, if not holy are in danger of hell fire. Eph. 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS (SANCTIFICATION)." According to the Scripture, when do we put on the new man? Of course, when we are regenerated, or born again. The word "regenerate" means to produce anew, or renovate, according to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. Then, when we are regenerated we put off the old man and put on the new. According to the above mentioned scripture, true holiness begins with the new man. In other words, if we are not made new, we are still old; and if we are still the old man with the sinful nature, we are still lost. It simply takes true holiness to make us new, and true holiness is certainly SANCTIFICATION.

## VII. When Are We in Christ?

Of course, when we are born again. If not, we are lost, for out of Christ there is no salvation. Acts 4:12, "NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER." Then, if we do not get in Christ at the new birth, we do not have salvation. St. John 15:5, "I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES; HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING." So, if we are not in Christ, we are nothing, and surely no one dare say, or even think, that the new birth is nothing; then, those who are in Christ are new creatures, or a new creation. "OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY, BEHOLD ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW." Yes, a new heart, a new mind, a new nature, a new song, because old things are gone, 2 Cor. 5:17. Not even

the sin principle is left in us. "Principle" means that from which anything proceeds, a source or origin, an original cause. Then, if "principle" means the source from which a thing proceeds, if sin is taken away in the new birth, and we become a new creation, then the original cause or source is gone. Naturally, the question will arise, When do we become Christ's? Of course, when we are converted, or born again. The Apostle Paul says in Gal. 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust." So there is a crucifixion of the old man that takes place in the new birth or regeneration. Thus, the Bible teaches.

## VIII. What the Minutes of the Church of God Says

Under the caption "Acts and Teachings of the Church of God Which Are Now in Vogue," the question is asked, "When one is born of God or regenerated, is he holy?" The answer is, "He that is born of God does not commit sin, 1 John 3:9. He is, therefore, holy to that extent." The above is what is recorded in our Minutes, therefore, according to our Minutes, or teachings of our church, when one is born of God or regenerated, he is holy (sanctified) to the extent that he does not commit sin. If he does not commit sin, he most certainly has received an experience of holiness, or sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord. However, this is the phase of sanctification that we receive during our changeover from sin to righteousness, from Satan's kingdom to the kingdom of God's dear Son, Col. 1:13. Yea, from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from condemnation to justification, from sin to holiness, from death to life; then when I say a degree of sanctification is wrought in the new birth, or regeneration, I am absolutely in harmony with the sacred Bible and with the teachings of the Church of God.

WESLEYAN Doctrine: According to the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, under the subject of "Sanctification": "Christian perfection through entire sanctification by faith here and now, was one of the doctrines by which John Wesley gave great offence to his clerical brethren in the Anglican Church. From the beginning of his work in 1739-1760 he was formulating this doctrine; at the last date there suddenly arose a large number of witnesses among his followers. Many of these he questioned with Baconian skill, the results being a confirmation of his theory on various points. In public addresses he used the terms *Christian perfection*, *perfect love*, and *holiness* as synonymous, though there are differences between them when examined critically. With St. Paul he taught THAT ALL REGENERATED PERSONS, OR SAINTS, i. e., holy ones, as the word "saint" from Latin "sanctus" through the Norman—Fr.: signifies (1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1) HIS THEORY IS THAT IN

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THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN THE PRINCIPLE OF HOLINESS, BEGINNING WITH THE NEW BIRTH, GRADUALLY EXPANDS AND STRENGTHENS AS THE BELIEVER GROWS IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, TILL, BY A FINAL, ALL-SURRENDERING FAITH IN CHRIST, IT REACHES AN INSTANTANEOUS COMPLETION THROUGH THE ACT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SANCTIFIER."

WESLEY'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY: "On March 6, 1760, Wesley entered in his journal the following testimony of one Elizabeth Longmore: 'I felt my soul was all love, I was so stayed on God as I had never felt before, and I knew that I loved Him with all my heart, and the witness that God HAD SAVED ME FROM ALL MY SINS grew clearer every hour. I never since found my heart wandering from God.' NOW THIS IS WHAT I ALWAYS DID, AND DO NOW, MEAN BY PERFECTION. This, I believe, many have attained, on the same evidence that I believe many are JUSTIFIED. We have Wesley's only recorded testimony to his own JUSTIFICATION in these words (May 24, 1738): 'I felt my HEART STRANGELY WARMED AND AN ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN THAT HE HAD TAKEN AWAY MY SINS.'"

So, the interpretation placed upon Wesley's doctrine by many, that the principle of sin is left in a person after he is regenerated, or born again, according to his own testimony and the testimony of others recorded in Wesley's Journal, and what we find in the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, is absolutely wrong. And, to the contrariwise, he (Wesley) taught that holiness, or sanctification, had its beginning in the new birth and continued until entire sanctification was experienced.

## IX. Sanctification Subsequent to Justification

After we are born again, or regenerated, we are still HUMAN BEINGS, thus natural beings. It is by no means sinful to be natural. 1 Cor. 9:11, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, it is no great thing if we reap your CARNAL (natural) things." In some instances, when the Bible speaks of carnal things it is speaking of natural things, but not sinful; but because we are left in our natural state after conversion, we are subject to our passions and temptations. James 5:17, "Elias was a man subject to like PASSIONS as we are." Note: James placed himself in the same category with Elias concerning passions. James 4:7, "Resist (we may resist by deeper consecration to God) the devil and he will flee from you." It would be well to remember, that before we can really resist, we must have had an experience (born again) or help from God. Jesus said (St. John 6:44), "No man cometh to me, except the Father which hath sent me, draw him." It is God (and no man) that draws us to His Son. Jesus also said, St. John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches;



he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; **FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**" Then, also, we are told in Eph. 2:8-10, "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: **IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD;** not of works, lest any man should boast. **FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST.**"

First, God draws a man to Jesus, His Son, then the man confesses his sins and believes on Jesus. Then, God, for Christ's sake, does the work (we are His workmanship). Hence, we can resist by walking in the light. Prov. 4:18, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Col. 2:6, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." According to this scripture, we cannot walk in Christ until we are in Him, and we well remember that in Him is light and no darkness, no sin, but the light of holiness; for Christ is our sanctification and redemption. 1 Cor. 1:30, "But of him ye are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and **SANCTIFICATION,** and redemption." Gal. 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh (natural): and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

The above scriptures are speaking of Christian people. There were some things for them to overcome, some to resist, and some things they would like to do that they could not do. Therefore, they needed extra power, or an extra experience to do them, and not to do other things. The apostle declares, 1 Cor. 9:27, "**BUT I KEEP MY BODY UNDER, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION;** lest by any means, **WHEN I HAVE PREACHED TO OTHERS I MYSELF SHOULD BE A CAST-AWAY.**" We all know the Apostle Paul had been gloriously and wonderfully regenerated prior to this writing, and was HOLY, yet he was having to keep his body under, therefore he needed something else to give him that indispensable power to overcome. There was only one way for him to do this and that was by and through consecration, or sanctification, to the will of God rather than to the will of his own body (the natural). This experience he understood, and spake of it in the 12th chapter of Romans, verses 1 and 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren (Christians), by the mercies of God, **THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY (SANCTIFIED), ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, which is YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.**" Note: This is something we are to do, in that he said: "**YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES,**" thus it is a matter of consecration, OR **SANCTIFICATION,** on our part. Therefore, this is an experience (sanctification) through faith in the blood that we as Christians obtain subsequent to justification, and it is instantaneous, and it happens the moment we **WHOLLY AND COMPLETELY PUT OUR ALL ON THE ALTAR FOR GOD.** After this, an individual is ready to receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost, when he reaches this point, and is not ready

until he does this.

Thousands who claim to have been sanctified wholly have not as yet received their baptism with the Holy Ghost because they have failed to actually consecrate their all unto God. It is God's good pleasure to fill with the Holy Ghost when we are ready for it. 1 Thess. 4:3, 4, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, **THAT YE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION. THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO POSSESS HIS VESSEL IN SANCTIFICATION AND HONOR.**" Note also that these scriptures prove very conclusively that this sanctification spoken of here is sanctification or consecration on our part in that the apostle says: "**YOUR SANCTIFICATION**" and that they were "**TO ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION,**" and that they should "**KNOW HOW TO POSSESS THEIR BODIES IN SANCTIFICATION,**" of course, through faith in that precious blood that would help them to consecrate themselves to the will of God. This scripture does not mean that they were sinners in any sense of the word. The apostle is just warning them how to go on with God and keep themselves from evil. Not everywhere in the Scripture that sanctification is spoken of does it have reference to taking away sin. In many places it has reference to the act of consecration on our part, which is a phase of entire sanctification.

We are told in the Bible that God sanctified His Son and sent Him into the world, St. John 10:36. We all know that He (Jesus) had no sin in Him. Although this is true, He also said of Himself, "I sanctify myself," St. John 17:19. He did not sanctify Himself TO RID HIMSELF OF SIN, BECAUSE HE HAD NONE, but he consecrated Himself to the will of His Father, St. John 5:30. So, therefore, we as God's sons and daughters are to have an experience of **SANCTIFICATION, AFTER WE ARE BORN AGAIN AND BECOME CHRISTIANS.**

In the 17th chapter of St. John, beginning with the 16th verse, speaking of His disciples, He says, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." By this we know they **ABSOLUTELY HAD NO SIN IN THEM, INASMUCH AS HE SAID, "THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, EVEN AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD,"** therefore, placing them in the same category with Himself. Hence, they were free from sin and were holy; yet He said in the very next breath in the 17th verse, "**SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH,** thy word is truth." They did not need sanctification to take away sin, or the sin principle; this had already been done, because they were **AS THEIR LORD.** He had just said they were not of the world even as He was not of the world, but this was to be a matter of consecration or sanctification unto the will of God, that they might be one, set apart to go out into the world to preach His Word and to have power to overcome sin in the form of temptations. He also said in the 18th verse, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." The 19th verse, "And for their sake I sanctify MYSELF," that they may also be sanctified through the truth." The 20th verse, "Neither pray

I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their words." Hence, as He sanctified Himself and prayed for the sanctification of His immediate disciples, He also prayed for the sanctification of all those who would believe on them through their words.

In the 15th chapter of St. John, 2nd verse, "**EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT BEARETH NOT FRUIT HE TAKETH AWAY; AND EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARETH FRUIT HE PURGETH** (sanctifieth by pruning—to free from anything superfluous or overabundant, Webster) **THAT IT MIGHT BRING FORTH MORE FRUIT.**" This was not because they had had sin in them, because He plainly states, "**EVERY BRANCH IN ME.**" Nothing can be in Christ that is sinful. 1 John 3:6, 7, "**WHOSOEVER ABIDETH IN HIM SINNETH NOT, WHOSEVER SINNETH HATH NOT SEEN HIM NEITHER KNOWN HIM. LITTLE CHILDREN, LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU, HE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIGHTEOUS EVEN AS HE IS RIGHTEOUS.**" This cleansing or pruning that is mentioned in the 15th chapter of St. John simply means if we yield ourselves unto the power of the Word of Truth, He will, by that Word of Truth, which is sharper than any two-edged sword, Heb. 4:12, **CUT AWAY FROM US THE SUPERFLUOUS OR UNNECESSARY NATURAL THINGS BY PRUNING, AS THE PRUNER TAKES AWAY THE UNNECESSARY BRANCHES FROM THE VINE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY IMPURE BRANCHES.** BECAUSE those branches have been drawing THEIR **SUBSTANCE FROM CHRIST, WHICH IS THE TRUE VINE, HENCE NOTHING OF AN IMPURE NATURE COULD COME FROM HIM OR BE IN HIM, THE TRUE VINE.** For proof—Rom. 11:16 says, "If the firstfruit be holy (sanctified) the lump is also holy (sanctified): and if the root (Christ) be holy, so are the branches" (FOLLOWERS). This proves conclusively that the branches which are in Christ are **ABSOLUTELY HOLY, AS FAR AS SIN NATURE IS CONCERNED.** Then, we are emphatically told in the 15th chapter of St. John that Christ is the vine or root. Then we are told by the Apostle Paul in the 11th chapter of Romans, verse 16, "If the root or vine is holy, the branches are also holy. Jesus tells us that we are the branches. Now remember, we would not, as branches, be pruned before we are in Christ. Then, if Christ could have an experience of sanctification, John 17:19, **AS PURE AND HOLY AS HE WAS,** surely we as Christians can have an experience of sanctification without the purpose of taking away the sin principle.

#### X. Entire Sanctification

1 Thess. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly (entirely); and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Entire sanctification is a Bible doctrine, hence possible. But I would like to say here that truly it means much to be entirely sanctified. Those who are entirely sanctified will absolutely have no trace of such things as jealousy, strife, envy, (Continued on page 14)

# Reports from the Field

## Souls Are Being Saved

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—Dear Friends, I praise God for sending us such a wonderful state overseer as Brother C. H. Blankenship. The Lord has been using him up here. He has been preaching for us on Sunday evenings during October and souls were saved. Praise God for His mercy.  
—Sister Vera Montanye, clerk.

## Believes the Lord Is Leading

LEESBURG, Fla.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I praise the dear Lord for His goodness and His great love to me. Eighteen years ago He saved my soul, and a year later He wonderfully sanctified and filled me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, and He still abides today. I am thankful that ten years ago He saw fit to add me to the Church of God. I love the Church of God. I thank the Lord for the desire I have to live for Him. He has wonderfully blessed my soul this year. I find Him a friend in time of need and I can go to Him and know He is able to help me. How I love the dear Lord!

I had a gallstone on my liver and I wrote Brother L. G. Rouse to pray for me, for the Lord to heal me, and He did. He sent me an anointed cloth and I asked Sister Gandy to come in and pray with me and lay the anointed cloth on me, and the Lord healed me. I felt so well all the next day. Thank the Lord for Brother L. G. Rouse. I also thank the Lord for Brother Jernigan, our General Overseer. I enjoy reading his sermons in the Evangel. I am glad he stands for the whole Bible, and that is what we need today. Thank the Lord for Brother L. C. Camp, our pastor, and his wife and daughter; we love them. I feel like the Lord had a hand in their coming to our church in Leesburg. He is one of the best ministers we have had in the Church of God. We do appreciate his work here. He preaches with the power of God on him; he is doing his best for our church and is loved by the saints and sinners too. His precious wife and daughter are so much help in the church. Quite a few young people have been saved and are on fire for God. We thank the Lord for them. I am praying for my church and pastor. Pray for me that I will be at my best for the Lord.—Sister Georgia Ballard, Rt. 1.

## The East Dayton Church of God Going Forward

We wish to praise the Lord for the way in which He has been blessing the services. There is a great stir among God's people. If there ever was a time when our hearts needed stirring it is now. We thank God for a pastor who has the fire of God in his soul. We thank God for the way He blesses. There have been several sinners seeking the Lord about the altar. Some were saved, others are hungry for God; pray for them that God will continue to deal with their hearts. There have been several additions to the church, some baptized, others saved and sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. We are having excellent attendance at most all services. Also, the church is practically filled on Sunday evenings. We are looking forward to the time when we will be crowded out of our present building. The Sunday School has increased until we are in need of more classrooms. We pray that God will give us a larger building. We have good teachers and officers. It is a good place to come and study the Word of God. We also have grand interest among the young people in the Y.P.E. which is over the top for God, which Brother Dannie Sims leads.

We have a new church at Springfield, Ohio, which was started approximately two months ago. The church was set in order by Rev. H. L. Dillinger with twenty members, Brother Hornsby conducting the services. He has been laboring faithfully. A number of souls have been saved, reclaimed, and sanctified. Several have received the Holy Ghost. God is blessing in a great way. The church cannot accommodate the overflowing crowds which are attending the services. Pray that God will give them a larger building.

We would like to express our appreciation to our new pastor, Rev. H. L. Dillinger, one of the finest pastors in the State. Brother Dillinger and family have been a blessing to the church. We thank God for sending them to us.—Reuben Woodall.

## How Atterberry Church Began

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—We are glad to tell you how the Atterberry Chapel started. Brother Henry Atterberry and I started in to build a church house on the corner lot of mine. Brother Atterberry was to pay his part and I to give the lot, which cost me \$200. We began our plans in July. The day

was set to hold services in my home and get the church organized. A few days before time Henry took sick and died that evening at 2:40 p.m., but we went ahead and had services at 7:30 that night, September 30, 1944, and I went ahead and carried out our plans and gave the deeds to the Church of God October 8, 1945.

The neighbors in this community signed the petition and asked us to call the church the Atterberry Chapel in remembrance of Henry Atterberry, the Indian who died on September 30 after making the plans at his 66th birthday dinner on July 6.

For the glory of God you may tell the public that the Atterberry Chapel is an Indian name and was started by an Indian race. Henry was a full-blood Cherokee Indian and I am a half Cherokee Indian. Pray for us.—L. E. Wright, Rt. 7, Box 256.

## Greetings From Buffalo, N. Y.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I praise the Lord for His many blessings to me. He is so wonderful. I cannot tell what He has done for me. I thank the Lord for the way He has blessed us since we have been in this state. We left the good old sunny South to come here to work for the Lord this year and I do desire the prayers of all the Christian people for us and the work here. This is a needy field for the Church of God. There are only a few Church of God people here, but the Lord is able to give us many more for His work here.

We do praise the Lord for the few who are here; they are so good to us and we are thankful. Don't forget to pray for us and the work here. The Lord bless everyone, is my prayer—Rev. M. F. Robinson, 487 Fargo Ave.

## Thankful for Church at Aynor, S. C.

I thank the Lord for what He has been to us down here at Aynor, S. C. Brother Fred W. Barfield, pastor of the Church of God at Mullins, came down here and started preaching in one room of the house. The crowd got so large we had to go to the barn. We organized a Sunday School and now we have a nice little church, which we will soon have finished.

We truly thank the Lord for the Church of God at Aynor and for our good pastor, Brother Barfield, of whom we all think a lot. We know he is trying to help some lost soul to find Jesus.

Pray for us at Aynor, that we will ever do our best for the Lord.—Mrs. Prudie Owens, Rt. 1, Galivants Ferry, S. C.



### Moving Forward

**SETH, W. Va.**—I thank God for His love and mercy, for the Holy Ghost, and what He is to the church at Seth. The Lord is blessing the work here this year. We are proud to have Brother and Sister Moore for our good pastor; they are real workers for God, and Brother Moore is a fine preacher. He preaches under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Sister Moore plays the piano and is a great blessing to the church. The Lord is blessing their work here.

We have a new church building, for which we praise God.

Pray for the church at Seth.—Sister Oma Workman.

**WAR, W. Va.**—We, the Church of God, War, W. Va., are glad to report victory in the Lord. We have a wonderful pastor, Rev. S. B. McCane, his wife and children. On Sunday night, November 11, we had sacrament and feet washing, with forty-eight taking part. Rev. Frank Honaker brought the message of the evening. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way.

We give everyone a welcome to come to the church at War. Pray that God's blessings will abide with us.—Foster Massie, clerk, Box 134, Berwind, W. Va.

### Church of Six Months Reports Victory

**OMAHA, Nebr.**—We are happy to report victory through the blood of Jesus. November 21 until December 9, our state overseer, Brother W. F. Dowdy, held a revival. The power of God was manifest and many said it was the best meeting they had been in for years and years. Three prayed through to a real, old-time experience of salvation, one was sanctified, and five added to the church.

A Y.P.E. was organized. This work was added to the Church of God only six months ago.—Silas Reed, pastor; Inez Reed, secretary-treasurer, Spaulding Street Church of God.

### New Work Needs Building—Pray

I have a very special request I want everybody to pray about. We have a new work here at Williamston, but we don't have anywhere to work; that is, we don't have a building where we can get together. Please pray that God will provide a place and give us souls. The devil is fighting on every hand, but praise God! we are fighting the best we can, by the help and grace of God. Please pray for us to do God's will.—Mrs. Roy Wand, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

### Pastor Has Good Word for Everybody

It has been eighteen years since I have written anything to the Evangel.

I am not a member of the Church of God, but give honor where honor is due. I believe Rev. Roy Douglas is the best man that has ever been here, (Schoolfield, Va.). He always has a good word for everybody. Please pray for me.—K. J. Brochett.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

(Continued from page 7)

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. S. N. Hall, Larkinsville, Ala.

The healing of my eyes and that I will be healed of very nervous spells.—Mrs. L. A. Stack, Thomas St., Lake City, S. C.

The Lord to heal me of a growth in my neck.—Sister Blair, Weatherford, Tex.

The healing of my little boy's leg, he has had two operations on it and will have to have another one, if the Lord doesn't undertake. The healing of another boy in the hospital. Encouragement appreciated.—Paul Stephens, Cartersville, Ga.

God to undertake for my wife.—E. B. Carter, Enterprise, Ala.

God to undertake for my wife and home.—Emory Gillis, Box 923, Goulds, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mart Taylor, Box 53, Fayette, Ala.

The Lord to heal me, I am crippled.—Mrs. Charles Slayman, Dundee, Ohio.

The healing of my body, my heart bothers me lots.—Maude Ellen Height, Coffeeville, Miss.

The healing of my mother's body.—Ida Mae Martin.

God to save me and heal my stomach and throat.—Walter Yeo, St. Croix, Box 21, New Brunswick, Canada.

The healing of my little boy.—Mrs. Edwin Bailey.

The healing of my body of a serious kidney trouble and flu; the healing of Sister Newman, she will lose her foot if the Lord doesn't undertake.—Mary L. Powell, 213 Oak Ave., Plant City, Fla.

The healing of Brother Thomas D. Monyer, Rt. 2, Cambridge, City, Ind., who is very low with leakage of the heart and bad nerves; the healing of

my body. Brother Monyer would appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. James F. Cope, Rt. 5, Box 10, Sparta, Tenn.

The healing of our little girl, she is in a rundown condition and at times has a hurting in her sides and stomach.—Mrs. Stanton Crittenden, Rt. 2, Box 86, Cleveland, Tenn.

The healing of my side, it bothers me so much lately.—Mrs. Margaret Bordenkicher, Rt. 1, Suffield, Ohio.

God to undertake for a special case. Hattie Thompson, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

The healing of my body of the flu and nervousness.—Sister Roberts, Rt. 2, Warrior, Ala.

The healing of my wife's stomach of something like a tumor.—Rev. W. C. Hartgrove, 2403 E. 19th St., Austin, Tex.

The saving and healing of my sister who is a patient at the t.B. Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.—Mrs. Clyde Vannoy, Northfork, W. Va.

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I invite you to worship in your church, and to bring others. I not only covet the opportunity to serve you in the pulpit, but ask your prayers so that together we may be able to make the church a real live force in our community.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# REVIVALS

**TALKING ROCK, Ga.**—We have just closed a three weeks' revival, Sister Ressie Smith being the evangelist. We thank God that He directed her this way. The dear Lord came down in our midst and blessed our souls; we were made to rejoice. Truly we thank God for His presence. Several were saved, one came into the church. Fire was handled successfully by our pastor. We indeed thank God for sending him here in answer to prayer. We hope Sister Smith can come back again. Anyone would do well to secure her for a revival. She is a good humble child of God. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for us at Corinth, that God will have His way, and the church will be built up. —Mrs. Beulah Fouts, clerk.

**ALBEMARLE, N. C.**—We praise the Lord for the wonderful two weeks' revival, which has just closed here. We appreciate the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Bell, of Pensacola, Florida, and their co-worker, Sister Brown, of Gadsden, Alabama. They are all good singers and when they sing under the power of God there's a "shout in the camp."

There were twenty-one saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. The church was greatly blessed and encouraged to go on in the work of the Lord. The attendance was very good each night. Pray for us here in Albemarle.

We appreciate our good pastor, Rev. R. E. Conner, and wife, who have worked so faithfully with us here. Since he has been with us the membership has tripled and a new church has been built. He is making plans to enlarge our church in the near future, as our present building will not seat our congregation.

Pray that God will supply every need in this work for His glory. —Mrs. L. E. Morton, reporter.

**BURDETTE, Ark.**—We started a revival here at the Burdette Church of God, October 31, 1945, with Rev. F. C. Norris and wife of Blackshear, Ga., assisted by Brother Bobby Baryer, of Blytheville, Ark., doing the special singing. Three were saved, two received the Holy Ghost, three added to the church, and the church greatly revived. It closed Sunday, November 25, with an all-day service and an old-time communion service that

night. Our state overseer, Rev. M. B. Norris, and several other ministers were with us. We went over the top with our membership fees that day.—Rev. J. A. Faircloth, pastor, P.O. Box 21, Burdette, Ark.

## Record-Breaking Revival in Atlanta

A most wonderful revival has just closed at the Atlanta, Hemphill Avenue Church of God.

Our pastor, Rev. A. M. Phillips, came from the 1945 General Assembly with some atomic power and a determination to have a revival. He set a goal of one hundred new members for 1946. After conducting a two weeks' meeting and getting the church stirred and prayed up for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Rev. Alton Edenfield and his co-worker, Brother James Cooper, came to us from South Carolina preaching and singing the old-time religion in their inimitable fashion, telling sinners of their final fate if they didn't repent. Surely these two young men are anointed of God.

This revival ran for eight weeks. There were great crowds every night, Holy Ghost manifestations in every service, and people divinely healed. One man was delivered from habitual drunkenness; in fact, when he came to the church he had been on a drunk for three weeks. One lady who had a broken wrist and had been told by physicians she would never be able to use it again, came to the altar and received the Holy Ghost. She began shouting and using her hand as though it had never been afflicted.

Great enthusiasm was shown for water baptism. On Friday nights tremendous crowds came out to witness the baptismal services. A total of sixty-four new converts and members were baptized in accordance with the Scriptures.

Many nights after the altar service, numbers of people would ask to become members of our church. As soon as they prayed through in the altar we would extend to them the right hand of fellowship. Those visitations of the Holy Ghost that came down between 11 p. m. and 12 a. m., when our new brothers and sisters were shouting and rejoicing, will long live in our memories! God extended His mercy and saving power to every class of people. One prominent lawyer and family came down and accepted Christ as their personal Savior. A blind man, too, was converted. For all

of these we are truly thankful! Among the new members were several ministers; two evangelists from other Pentecostal movements, and a lady with her two daughters, who sang together as a trio. One dear brother, who had been bedfast for some time, called the pastor and insisted that he wanted to become a member of the Church of God before he died, so the preachers went out to his home and gave him the right hand of fellowship.

This was a revival in which everything good happened. A total of one hundred and sixty were saved, ninety sanctified, eighty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost and one hundred and five new members came into the church. In spite of the devil and his predictions that it could not be done, our membership soared above the one-hundred mark in eight short weeks. **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD!**

The night the revival closed the altar was full and nineteen people came into the church; and, contrary to tradition, the evangelist did not take the revival spirit with him when he left. We are having wonderful services every time we meet. Every department of the church is moving forward under the leadership of our esteemed pastor and the assistance of our new members.

I can truthfully say that this church is in better condition than I've ever seen it in all the eighteen years I have been a member.

## God Still Heals

A few days ago one of the members of the Macon church, Sister Etta Moore, had a sore by the side of her eye, and her eyes hurt her so much that she went to an eye specialist to get her eyes examined. He looked at her eyes, gave her an examination, and said that he could change her glasses but it wouldn't help because the sore beside her eye was a cancer. There was nothing he could do for her. She came to church that night and told what the doctor said, and then said, "I know that the Lord is able to heal me." We all gathered at the altar, anointed her and prayed for her. There wasn't any special demonstration of power at the moment, but just at the close of the service, the power of God fell, oh glory to God, the work was done. She testified that her whole face felt like new, and it looked different. The next night all of the swelling was gone, and the next night or two the scab peeled off and that was the last of the cancer. God is still in the healing business, if we only trust, obey, and ask.

The church here in Macon, Georgia, (Continued on page 14)



# TESTIMONIES

## He's a Sweet and Merciful Savior

BENTON, Ill.—I am glad to sound a note of praise for God's wonderful blessings to me and my children. He has been a sweet, merciful Savior to me. I learned to love Him when I was a little girl, and I know He had His hand on me all the time. He has been so precious to me and my two daughters. I have had the Holy Ghost twenty years. I was young when I received the Holy Ghost, and the devil tried me many times. I have longed and hoped for a Christian home. Everyone that knows the worth of prayer pray that I will have one. I love the Lord because He helps us to be holy even as He is holy. I love God's people, and love to be with them. I can't praise Him enough for answering prayer and for His healing power. He has healed me many times when medicine failed. I love the dear Church of God Evangel; I lay it on me when I am sick and the Lord heals and helps me. May God bless you ever.—Philadelphia Grant.

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## God Has Answered

GEORGETOWN, Ohio—Dear Saints of God everywhere, I praise God for old-time salvation. The Lord has surely been good to me. I am glad I know my Redeemer liveth. Although I am not well in body, I feel good in my soul.

Last night my little granddaughter woke me about eleven-thirty very sick and with a burning fever. I came downstairs and got Brother L. G. Rouse's book on healing and laid it on her little body, asking God to rebuke the fever. Praise God, He did. She went to sleep and rested well the rest of the night. Today she is feeling fine. To God be all the glory!

I thank all the dear saints of God for their prayers for my sons in Service. All three are veterans of this war. Although one was wounded, it wasn't serious. His hands are crippled but he can use them; he never even lost any fingers. I know it is by God's children's prayers that they all made it through. My oldest son was a prisoner of the Germans three and one-half months. He lost fifty pounds in weight, but, praise God, he is back home in good health now. Another one is back in the States. The one who was wounded is still overseas, but is expecting to come home soon. We are trusting God to bring him home safely. Pray for him; he wasn't

very well the last letter we had from him.

Please pray for me to be faithful.—Hala Maynard, Rt. 1.

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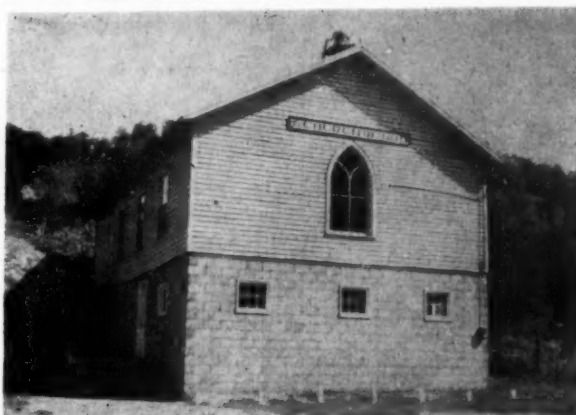
## Jesus Answers Prayer

As I write this testimony to the Evangel it is doing what I promised Jesus I would do if He would heal me of a hurting in my right side. I could hardly walk or sit. I had to lie in bed all the time.

I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse to be anointed and prayed over for my healing. When I received

the handkerchief my side was completely healed. Another time my stomach and left side started hurting me. My stomach was so sore, and it seemed there was a hard lump in my stomach and side. Almost everything I ate hurt me. I sent another handkerchief to Brother Rouse, but this time I failed to have faith, so I had the saints at the Church of God here to pray for me almost every service. I began to get better and the Lord removed the lump and soreness out of my stomach and side. I am writing this to praise His name and thank Him for hearing and answering prayer.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be a blessing to people, and be an overcomer and be ready when Jesus comes. Pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Arlena Williams, Cosby, Tenn.



Report of  
The  
Church of  
God at  
Verdunville,  
W. Va.

The Church of God at Verdunville, W. Va., which is located on Mudfork of Island Creek, Logan County, believes in progress, according to the above pictures. Picture No. 1 shows the building as it was built about twenty years ago. The glory of God filled the house in the great services which blessed the many who attended there. From this church two other churches have been organized, which are progressing nicely and doing a great work for God. They are the Church of God at Whitman, W. Va. Rev. T. M. McClendon, pastor, and the Church of God at Dempsy Branch, W. Va., Rev. W. G. Spangler,

During these years of progress the church has been blessed with many



good pastors, who have added much to the church's success, among whom were Rev. C. H. Blankenship, now state overseer of New York; Rev. E. O. Sells, now pastor at Ennis, W. Va.; Rev. Ezra Bowen, and several others whom I do not have a personal knowledge of.

In the fall of 1943 the writer was assigned to the Verdunville church, (Continued on page 14)

## REVIVALS

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is free of debt now and an old-fashioned revival spirit is in the church. People are finding the Lord precious to their souls, and joining the church. God surely is smiling upon us here. Please pray that God will continue to do greater and greater things here in Macon.—Paul T. Stover, pastor, 2370 Napier Ave., Macon, Ga.

## REPORT OF CHURCH AT VERDUNVILLE, W. VA.

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and it was during the time of his charge that the remodeling of the building was begun. In picture No. 2 you can see some of the improvement which has been made. The building was turned around and moved down the hill and a basement added to it which will provide classrooms, room for furnace, etc., when finished. The church now, under the leadership of the faithful pastor, Rev. W. W. Snuffer, still moves on toward completion of the work, not only in a material way, but for greater spirituality and ingathering of souls. The faithful members are to be thanked for faithful cooperation and sacrifice. The Island Creek Coal Company and many other friends outside the Church are to be thanked for about one-half of the cost of these improvements. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to all who have had a part in making this improvement possible.—R. E. Worley, former pastor.

## SANCTIFICATION

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or natural emulation. In other words, he will at all times, in honor, prefer his brother. In the entirely sanctified person there will be found the fruits of perfect love, meekness, humility, etc. The apostle's earnest desire and prayer for the Thessalonians was that they should be holy and unreservedly given over completely to the will and service of God. We should pray to God to be perfect in His Word, and preserved blameless, free from sin, and impurity, till at length we are presented faultless before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy.

## SHOULD WE PAY TITHES TODAY?

(Continued from page 5)

who will swallow most anything they read or hear and never question its veracity. This condition arises from the fact that the people who do those things do not know the Bible and are trying to get through on what the other fellow says. The writer has been a Sunday School and Bible teacher and it was appalling to see what little interest those class mem-

bers took in the Bible and in the Sunday School lessons. Many of these class members were business men and men of wealth and learning, and many of them were both men and women of various ages and stations in life.

Another great drawback in the church today is that the clergy will not preach nor enforce the full gospel, including tithing. Neither will the clergy nor the church officials enforce what little doctrine is preached in the church. When this condition arises in a church, the members therein are heading for stagnation, which will, in a short time, drive the members into a mental and spiritual lethargy. The good or bad condition of a church begins at the pulpit, because that is where the congregational food flows from to the church members. However, sometimes a congregation has been starved so long and has become so deeply immersed in spiritual stupidity, that it may be

impossible for any minister to bring them to life without much prayer and faith.

There is no excuse for any Christian who has an income to fail to pay tithes if he reads the Bible as he should, and if he does not read it he will not remain a Christian very long. The writer has heard Christians say, "I believe in paying tithes, but I just can't get around to it." The reason they just "can't get round to it" is because they do not want to get round to it. But those Christians manage to get round to their jobs when they have a job. There would be more people with jobs and far less crop failures if all Christians paid tithes as they should.

There is no scripture to substantiate the doctrine that we do not have to pay tithes during the Gentile Age. Neither is there any scripture to substantiate the doctrine that the pastor is not entitled to the tithes until the tithes are placed in his hands.

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**One Who Will Never Forsake Us**  
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with us through whatever comes in this life.

We can always pray and take our burdens to Jesus. Psalm 55:23, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Jesus says in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And praise God, every promise in our Holy Bible is true. God's Word is full of precious promises from cover to cover. Jesus tells us all about the mansion He is preparing in heaven for us, in John 14. But in order to lay hold on all the precious promises of God to watch over us, and in order to lay hold on all the promises of Jesus to go with us, and in order to know that one of those mansions that is being built in heaven is for us, we must put our own name in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We must put our own name instead of "whosoever," and believe that Jesus will save us.

We know that we cannot get to heaven without the new birth. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God," John 3:3. So, dear friend, you see that we can't get to heaven until we are born again.

God's Word tells us that we can have everlasting life. Whosoever means anyone. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," John 6:37. So why do you wait, dear unsaved friend? You have nothing to gain by not being saved, and you have plenty to lose here in this world and all to lose forever, if you die unsaved. Oh, dear sinner friend, let me beg you, in the name of Jesus, the One who loves your soul, let Jesus into your heart today. Then whatever day you may have to leave this world, there will be no sorrow for you, dear friend, once you are in one of those bright mansions in heaven, that Jesus will give you when He comes for you.

It is nature to want to live as long as we can. Even if we are saved, we feel sad at the thought of death. But no child of God will ever wish he could have spent longer on this earth after he is living in a bright mansion with Jesus, there to be with Him forever.

Let this be the day that you forsake all that is unlike Christ, and be saved. Pray through to salvation, right where you are. Praise God, you can. Then write and tell me all about it. In my daily prayers, on my knees, I am praying for all of you in Service and in civilian life, too.

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